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Palestine Not Yet Invaded By Arab Legion

TROOPS DIG THEMSELVES IN ON FRONTIER

Irgun-Haganah Agreement

London, Apr. 27.—Troops of King Abdullah's British-trained and equipped Arab Legion dug in tonight on both sides of Allenby Bridge, the invasion gateway from the Transjordan Kingdom into Palestine, 18 days before the end of the British mandate.

Cairo reports talked of an imminent invasion by regular Arab armies while in Tel-Aviv, the Jewish defence force, Haganah, announced it had reached agreement with the terrorist Irgun Zvai Leumi for co-operation in military operations.

Cairo observers, commenting on the military pact signed at the Transjordan capital of Amman yesterday by Syria, the Lebanon, Iraq and Transjordan foresaw a three-pronged attack on the Irgun and Haganah Jewish armies, with Egypt contributing war planes and ships for a blockade of the Palestine coast.

Mr Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, speaking before the Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at Lake Success tonight, said: "By and large we have broken the first wave of Arab aggression," but added that the Jews would welcome a truce.

The agreement between Haganah and Irgun Zvai Leumi came after all-night talks, Reuter reported from Tel-Aviv.

One immediate result is expected to be that Haganah will now take part in the fighting at Jaffa, where Irgun has been in action for the past three days.

Irgun continue their operations at Jaffa today, renewing their slow advance against the all-Arab support under the cover of a mortar barrage. Irgun has agreed to give full military co-operation to "save the Arabs in Palestine." It was reliably learned in Baghdad tonight, as reports from Cairo, said Arab countries were

pressing on with their "war plans to invade the Holy Land as soon as Britain renounces her mandate."

The Baghdad reports said regular armies of the Arab League member states would start a general attack on Palestine "soon."

Movements of the Iraq Army and Air Force are to be kept secret for the present, it was stated.

Thousands of Iraqi students rushed to volunteer for service in Palestine when these reports spread in Baghdad. Meanwhile, mystery surrounded last night's reports that King Abdullah of the Transjordan had declared war on "Zionism" and that troops of his 10,000-strong Arab

Legion had occupied Jericho, five miles inside the Palestine border.

Telephone messages to Amman today disclosed the ordinary residents in the Transjordan capital were unaware of any declaration of war, although there were many reports that King Abdullah was preparing actively to intervene with his Legion in Palestine.

The Transjordan Minister in London tonight told the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, his Legion had no confirmation of reports that the Legion had invaded Palestine.

In Jerusalem, a Palestine Government spokesman said his Government had no knowledge of the declaration of war.

Declaration Of War Denied

The official report on the situation in Transjordan from Sir Eric Kibbi, Minister in Amman, which reached London tonight, denied reports that King Abdullah had "declared war" on Zionism and that regular troops of the Transjordan Army had crossed the frontier into Palestine and occupied Jericho.

The report also discounted the

possibility that a concerted move against the Jews in Palestine would be made shortly by other states of the Arab League.

Egypt, the strongest of the Arab States was reported in Cairo to have sent Army detachments to the Palestine frontier "for training."

The Egyptian Government, Mr Al Assas, said the detachments had been sent to the frontier "pending the decisions of the Arab governments."

The Opposition Egyptian paper, Al-Balagh, reported that "Egyptian troops will enter Palestine territory on Friday," but this was discounted by well-informed quarters in Cairo.

Responsible Government and Arab League quarters also discounted the statement from an official Arab source in Damascus last night that King Abdullah's Legion had actually "declared war on Zionism."

Doubts about Egyptian Army action was supported by today's report in Al Assas that the Egyptian Defence Ministry would "allow Army officers, NCOs and men to volunteer for service in Palestine."

It was felt that if Egypt intended to send her Army she would not disorganise her units by permitting individuals to volunteer.

In view of the sensational reports carried by the Egyptian Opposition press today of alleged plans for action by the Egyptian Army, the Defence Ministry is reported to be considering placing a ban on the publication of news other than official announcements.

Egyptian Government spokesmen refuse to give any indication of the Arab plan of campaign on the ground that it is a military secret. There are confusing reports as to the parts the regular armies of

member states of the Arab League—there are seven—will play in the expected invasion of Palestine.

The general opinion is that the Arab Legion, some units of which are performing security duties in Palestine under British command, will take the lead in operations. According to one report, King Abdullah, who is a veteran of World War I's Arab campaign against the Turks, would assume command of the Transjordan, Syrian and Lebanese forces.

The broad lines of Arab strategy, as seen here, would be:

1.—The Transjordan Army, with Iraqi Army units and supported by Iraqi air cover, would cross the Allenby Bridge, marking the Palestine-Transjordan border, to join the forces of the Arab Liberation Army at a point northwest of the Dead Sea.

2.—Syrian and Lebanese forces would, meanwhile, cross the northern Palestine border to concentrate in the Nobulus-Jenin-Acre triangle.

3.—Egyptian Army forces, now being reinforced at Eliliah and Rafah on the northwest corner of the Sinai Desert, would "stand by" on the Egypt-Palestine frontier ready to take defensive action if attacked by the Haganah's Negev (Southern) Army.

To compensate for Egypt's non-participation in the actual land fighting inside Palestine, the Egyptian Government is reported to have pledged naval support to consist of patrols in the Mediterranean waters to prevent illegal Jewish immigration and reinforcements reaching Palestine.

Egyptian Air Force planes would also take part in patrolling operations.

Troops In Position

From Jerusalem, it was reported that troops of the Arab Legion have taken up positions on both sides of the vital Allenby Bridge over the river Jordan—the main link between Palestine and Transjordan.

Armoured cars with two-pounder guns covered the bridge. British Army headquarters reported that a company of the Legion, under British orders, had also taken up positions in the Jericho area as a security measure to keep the road to Transjordan open.

There had been some movement of the Legion along the frontier after constant reports in Amman

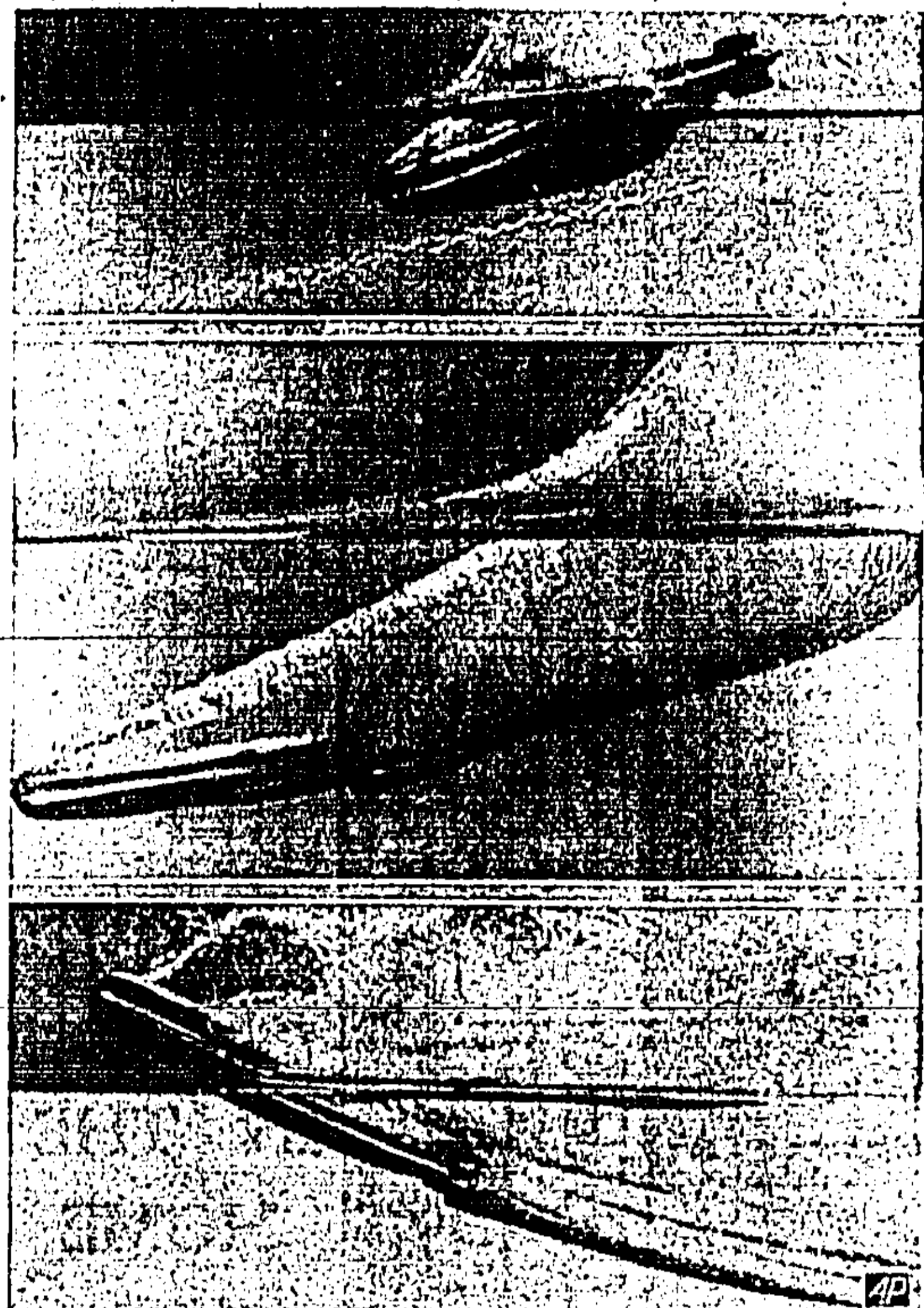
that the Jews were mobilising 1,000 men in the area of the Palestine Police Company's works on the Dead Sea for an attack on Jericho.

These were coupled with reports that the Jews were preparing an attack to blow up the Allenby Bridge.

Yesterday, a Reuter correspondent watched a convoy of Arab Legion troops, with their kit and weapons, cross the bridge into Palestine to reinforce. It was reported, the Legion detachment occupying a camp near Jericho.

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**63 MPH Under
Water**



Travelling at a rate of 143 feet per second, a small model torpedo enters the water and then breaches at the Naval Ordnance Test Station at Morris' Dam near Pasadena, Calif. A high speed camera catches the model in various stages of its course, enabling scientists to solve some of the riddles of hydro-dynamics. This knowledge then is used to design and develop underwater missiles. — AP Picture.

FUTURE OF JAPAN BLUEPRINT

Washington, Apr. 27.—A blueprint for the future of Japan has been drawn up by the U.S. Army. This was learned exclusively today as efforts speeded to get the plan into final shape for approval and placing into operation.

The plan is based on the findings of Under Secretary of the Army William Draper and the Industrial Commission which recently visited Japan.

The Committee included Paul G. Hoffman, who since then has been named director of the Economic Recovery Administration.

The Commission on its return to the U.S. confined its discussions to a one year period. Since then it has gone to work on plans for the foreseeable future, outlining the economic and social setup to be proposed for Japan.

PLAN COMPLETED

This blueprint for the future now has been finally drawn up, but is still subject to final approval by the members of the Commission.

Then it will go to high military and diplomatic officials for concurrence.

Among those expected to be asked to concur in the proposals are Army Secretary Kenneth Royall, the Far Eastern Commission, and possibly General Douglas MacArthur.

Sources here are unable to say just what is included in the project. However, there is expected to be an overall proposal placing Japan on a self-supporting basis long desired by the Army and the Japanese people themselves.

The Draper report was based generally on the belief Japan must be given substantial economic assistance after the Japanese prove their own capacity for industrial rehabilitation, authoritative sources said.

These sources said many of Draper's observations coincided with policies expressed publicly by MacArthur. This was particularly true concerning the necessity for removal of economic restrictions that are considered to be hampering industrial revival.

The Draper report was made separately without taking into consideration the Pauley and Sitke reports on reparations and economics. Now these sources said, officials in Washington are trying to adjust Draper findings with a recent report of overseas consultants.

It could not be ascertained whether the Draper mission agreed completely with the views of overseas consultants regarding the amount of industrial potential that should

be left in Japan. In any case, these sources said, a final decision on the reparations policy would not be reached for some time. Further missions may be sent to Japan to consider this difficult question, they indicated.

The sources indicated the Draper report supported a plan for permitting Japan a sufficiently large commercial fleet to aid in economic rehabilitation. Figures are not available, but the importance of merchant shipping to the future of the Japanese export business is fully recognised here.

The present Draper report may be revised before it is submitted in its final form. There was no indication at present whether it will be released publicly.

The whole tone of the report, the sources said, coincided with Draper's comments in Tokyo that the Japanese would be assisted but would be required to prove beforehand they were doing the maximum to help themselves.

Officials here said the Japanese had been "too optimistic" during Draper's visit regarding the amount of assistance that could be expected. — Associated Press.

Jowitt Favours Death Penalty

London, Apr. 27.—Britain's highest legal authority, the Lord Chancellor (Lord Jowitt), said today that he was not in favour of suspending the death penalty.

It was opening a debate in the House of Lords on a bill which includes a clause, inserted by the vote of the House of Commons against the wish of the Government, suspending the death penalty for murder for five years.

Interest in this debate, which will last two days, is mainly whether the House of Lords support or oppose the new clause.

If they reject it, the Government is expected to support the Commons' decision. The House of Lords would then have to decide their next step.

Lord Jowitt said: "Hanging is, of course, a grim and horrible business. So is murder."

"I believe that hanging cuts down murders. Because of that, I am opposed to abolishing capital punishment."

THERE ARE WORSE FATES

He referred to countries where capital punishment had been abolished and to countries where murderers served years in solitary confinement.

"There are fates worse than death," he said. He thought that no one in Britain would tolerate solitary confinement for years.

The recent vote in the House of Commons showed that the death penalty was repugnant to a large section of public opinion. Lord Jowitt agreed with the decision to allow a free vote in the House of Commons. Therefore the experiment would be tried.

"If, contrary to my fears, it turns out to be a success, no one will be more ready to admit his error than I. But I cannot feel at present when we have this distressing wave of crime, with more gangsters going about with arms than before, it is a wise moment to try the experiment."

"If having been decided that this is the right moment, let us now go forward," Lord Jowitt declared. "I myself accept this decision."

RELEASED MURDERERS

The Lord Chancellor disclosed that 104 people convicted of murder, whose death sentences had been commuted to penal servitude for life, had been released from prison in the last 10 years.

Lord Jowitt commented that the Home Secretary—who has the power of reprieve—might under the new system have to keep murderers in prison longer than now. "Hitherto, a murderer whose death sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life has been released after 10, 15 or 20 years if of good behaviour," Reuter.

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WIDOW LOSES SUIT FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

London, Apr. 27.—Mrs Imelda Catharine Price, attractive widow of an RAF officer, today lost her breach of promise suit against an American Vice-Consul.

The jury of ten men and two women found for the defendant, Ernest Griffin, 39, of Salina, Kansas, American Vice-Consul in London. Mrs Price was ordered to pay costs.

Mr Griffin testified that he broke his engagement with the 40-year-old Birmingham widow after she had twice tried to entice him to join her in bed. He said he thought her immodest and forward.

He said they agreed to become engaged in the summer of 1940 on the understanding that they would not marry if they did not appear suited to each other. She called him "old fashioned" for refusing to spend the night with her after their engagement, Mr Griffin said.

Mrs Price denied that there had been any understanding of a trial engagement. She also denied inviting him to bed, but admitted she once took off her dress and lay on his bed while he wrote letters.

Cross-examining Mr Griffin, counsel for Mrs Price asked: Were you a "hit" for your virtue?

Mr Griffin: "Not necessarily."

Counsel: "You were realising this woman's blandishments?"
Mr Griffin: "I was only trying to do what was right."
Mr Griffin also denied counsel's suggestion that he was "sanctimonious and a hypocrite." — United Press.

Grenade Thrown Into Cafe

Singapore, Apr. 27.—Nine people were injured in Singapore today when a hand grenade exploded after being thrown into a crowded Chinese cafe.

Police reported that they were detaining a Japanese in connection with the incident, which they described as "labour violence."

The cafe is a recruiting centre for Chinese stevedores who are unloading ships in defiance of a today-old labour union strike in Singapore harbour. — Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

The Colony's War Claims

THE Imperial Government's solution to the problem of Hongkong's war claims and some of her post-war debts reminds the public that beggars cannot be choosers. To those who sincerely expected compensation for property and personal effects lost as a result of the Pacific War and the Japanese occupation, yesterday's official statement will come as a cruel disappointment. They can expect no redress. In a purely impersonal way (which, incidentally, also has the effect of making things easier for the Government) the Colony stands to benefit from three useful grants, one concession and an interest-free loan. Many, however, will be puzzled to know just how these fit in with what are regarded as our legitimate compensation claims. The actual effect of the proposed settlement is that liability for the war period is rejected, but that the Imperial Government is prepared to offer some assistance in the form of the Colony pull itself together. And while it is appreciated that this imposes some burden on the British taxpayer, the net effect is that not a single penny is to be paid out for damage and losses suffered by the community between December 8, 1941, and the liberation in September, 1945. Nobody will begrudge the University its gift of £250,000, but it is not clear why that should be credited as compensation to the general public. In the view of the importance which the Imperial Government attaches to the future of the University it would have been expected to make a similar grant in any circumstances. Then there is the £1,000,000 gift to be used for "resolving" problems arising out

of expenditure connected with the war. The public will wish for full details from Government as to how it is proposed to allocate this money. Some of it should be devoted for the purpose of correcting the widespread discriminations in payments to war-time voluntary service workers, and what is left over could very well be added to the War Memorial Fund. The assumption by the Imperial Government of BMA expenditure is a welcome decision, although it seems only reasonable that this should be treated as part of the general war costs. In fact this is the only concession which bears any direct relation to the war, despite the fact that Hongkong was an integral part of the war theatre and had its place in general strategy. To this strategy Hongkong willingly submitted itself; nevertheless, without wishing to appear ungracious, the Colony feels somewhat resentful that its damages and losses incurred as a result are to be left uncompensated for. The offer of interest-free loans up to a maximum of £3,000,000 for the development of a modern airport is, of course, an aid to this end, and, inasmuch as the money is earning no interest, a slight charge against the home-taxpayers. On the other hand it means that the Imperial Government, apart from forgetting interest, will make no outright contribution to a new Hongkong airport, and it is quite impossible to treat this as a compensation for the war period. Obliquely the general public will eventually benefit from these gifts and concessions, but the present generation of which the war losses will find small cause for jubilation over the settlement.

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Pretty Prints



Silk afternoon dress.

By VERA WINSTON

THIS should be the big year for print addicts for never were there so many beautiful print frocks in pure silks—beautiful—rayons, pretty cottons. Geometries, good old polka dots, large, lush florals, all are represented in the pattern parade. A geometric print in red and white on beige is the formula for this pretty silk afternoon frock. It is pleated from neck to hem and has three narrow bands of grosgrain at the waist. The high round neck is edged in grosgrain. The sleeves just cover the shoulder.

NEW IN THE HOME

VERY latest idea in lamp shades comes from a man who had the inspiration when he was tying up his climbing roses with bass. He decided to try making a lamp shade out of raffia.

I gives a light equivalent to a parchment shade. Any shaped frame will do. Use an old one or buy one.

To make: Start by tying one end of a length of raffia to the top of one of the upright wires of the frame, giving it an extra twist round each upright to keep the 'rows' in position.

Keep the knots where the raffia is joined on the inside of one of the uprights. If the frame has scallops at the bottom, taking in six rows of the horizontal binding and giving an extra twist round the curved bottom edges to avoid slipping.

This may leave a gap at the bottom of the horizontal rows. Fill in with an extra wind or two of raffia. Trim all loose ends and tuck in any obnoxious knots.

On a frame with a straight bottomed edge, the raffia can be bound vertically. Thread ribbon through top and bottom.

Coloured raffia can be used, but the natural shade gives a better light. Coloured raffia 'embroidery' looks quite attractive, but it must be small or the light will be obscured.

THE VEIL



Four white, plumes and a spotted veil... this spring hat was seen in the West End.

RED RYDER



A Witness



By Fred Harman

WOMANSENSE

OMELETTE... A Good Main Dish With Substantial Filling

"EGGS are down in price," announced the Chef. "So now we can make some fine substantial omelettes." "And let's have them for dinner," I suggested. "That's the best time for the whole family to enjoy an omelette."

Of course, there are almost as many kinds of omelettes as there are days in the year, but they all come under two general classifications, fluffy omelettes or plain omelettes. It's the various ingredients that are added that give them special names.

French Omelette
"Would you like a nice French omelette aux fines herbes?" asked the Chef. "As you know that is the plain folded omelette, which is sprinkled before folding with the minced fresh herbs. I like some parsley, some chives and some chervil. In France omelettes are so popular they are used as the entree, or for a main dish, and sweet omelettes are used for dessert."

"How many eggs do you use in making a French omelette, Chef?"
"For each person I like to use two eggs. But if I add to the omelette mixture some diced fried potatoes or browned bread croutons, or a little minced leftover meat, or mixed vegetables, allow only one large egg for each person. This is a good stretcher for the eggs."

Plain Omelette
"If you like, you can make the plain omelette and cover the top with grated cheese or minced ham, or even heated tomatoes or spinach, and then fold it up. But the best way to stretch the egg is to mix the extra food into them after they are beaten."

"Plain French omelette is easiest of all to make, especially if you have a round-bottom, stainless steel frying pan. But if you haven't, use an iron frying pan, as this transmits the heat evenly."

"Beat the eggs until well mixed with a wire whisk or a hand beater. Be careful not to over-beat them. Stir in 1/4 tsp. salt, a little pepper, and 1 tsp. boiling water for each egg. The boiling water makes the omelette more tender."

"In the frying pan have enough butter melted and barely sizzling to cover the bottom. Pour in the omelette mixture; it should be about 1/4 of an inch deep. Place over a medium heat, and tip the pan back and forth, so all the liquid will come in contact with the hot pan and cook. If necessary lift the egg up at the edges with a spatula or broad kitchen knife. The omelette should be a pale golden brown on the bottom when done; then fold it over in 'three' parts, and serve it at once on a heated platter."

Danish Omelette
"Today let's have one of those big substantial Danish omelettes served right in the pan," I suggested.

"Very well, Madame," agreed the Chef. "We have the necessary ingredients. I have saved the tops of some scallions which I can chop to put in it; we have 3 nice thick slices of bacon we can use; and we have 6 beautiful big eggs, enough for four persons. I will cook it in our big frying pan. The Danish omelette is not folded; so I will place it, pan and all, on the round earthenware platter, and at the table you shall have the pleasure of cutting it in pie-shaped pieces."

TOMORROW'S DINNER

Potato Soup
Danish Omelette Buttered New Beets
Cheese Toasted Rolls
Pickle Relish
Squares of Prune Cake
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Danish Omelette

Cut 3 slices bacon 1/4 in. thick, into 3 pieces each. Then slow-fry until barely crisp in a large frying pan, (about 10 in.). Pour off all the fat except 2 tsp., and set the bacon aside. Next, prepare the omelette mixture. To do this, beat

6 eggs light; add 1/4 c. milk, 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 3/4 c. minced scallion tops, or 3/4 c. partly-fried minced onion. Turn into the bacon fat in the frying pan, and slow-fry until the omelette is barely golden on the bottom. Lift occasionally around the edges so the liquid portion of the omelette will be cooked. When nearly done, slip under the broiler for a moment and serve in the pan.

Prune Cake

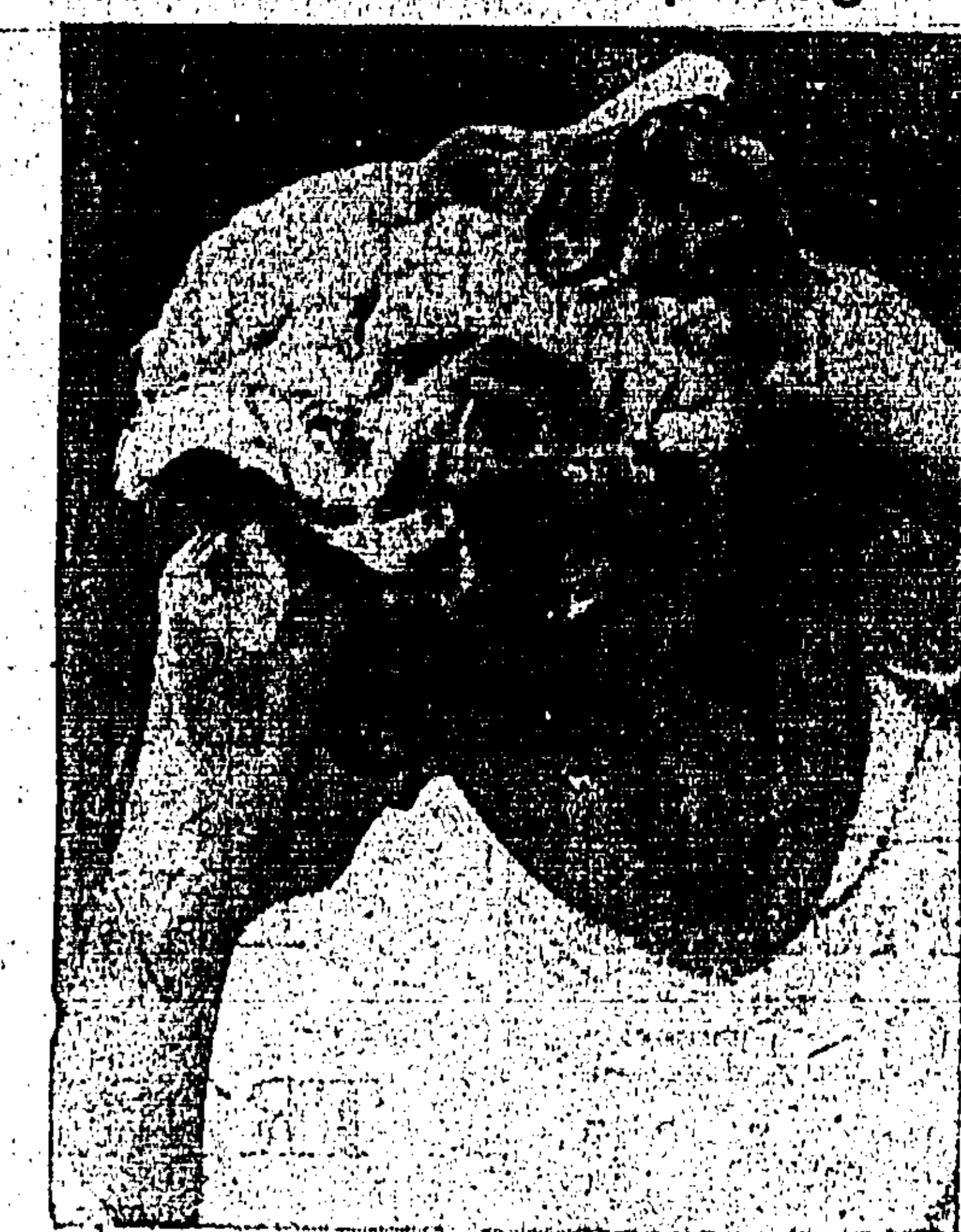
Measure 1/2 c. margarine or shortening into a mixing bowl and gradually work with a spoon until soft. Then work in 1 c. granulated sugar and 2 slightly-beaten eggs. Next, sift together 1 1/2 c. flour, 1/2 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. clove, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1 tsp. baking soda. Add alternately to the first mixture with 1/4 c. sourmilk or buttermilk, and 1 c. well-drained, fine-chopped, cooked, pitted prunes. Beat until well mixed.

Transfer to an oiled shallow loaf cake pan, about 7" x 11", which has been lightly dusted with flour. Spread a little higher at the edges than in the centre. Dust the top of the cake batter with 2 tsp. granulated sugar mixed with 1/4 tsp. cinnamon. (This makes a crackly crust). Bake in a moderate oven, 350 F., for 45 min., or until the cake is brown on top and a toothpick, when inserted in the centre, comes out clean. Let stand 5 min. Then remove from the pan and cool.

TRICK OF THE CHEF

To give fresh cooked beets a very fine taste, add a little ground nutmeg, lemon juice and some browned butter.

Tips on Home Shampooing



A new beauty cream shampoo is an excellent medium to use if you wash your own hair.

By HELEN FOLLETT

ALTHOUGH beauty shops are crowded with customers, there is a decided trend towards home shampooing. One reason: With smooth, sleeked-back hair and a topknot, a wave set is not necessary. Also there are many women who find it difficult to spare the time for leisurely hours of professional treatments.

To meet this demand, cosmetic chemists are producing a variety of shampoo mediums—soap, oil, lanoline, cream, even jellies. No matter what kind she buys, the customer wants the agent to lather. Then she knows the good work is going on. Salesmen report that they are beset with questions. What about dandruff control? Will the same shampoo be equally good for dry and oily hair? The answer, usually, is yes. The objective is to

remove dead scales from the scalp, atmospheric dust from the tresses. If that is accomplished, the wool upon one's head should carry gloss, be agreeable to any arrangement. Careless shampooing is hard on the hair.

Whatever medium you use, read the label on jar or bottle and read it carefully.

In beauty shops where creams are used for hair washing a special method is employed. The cream is frictioned into the scalp, foams up. The operator keeps adding warm water, continues brisk friction. By adding water the cream is thinned gradually. Ten minutes should be given to this part of the treatment. More and more warm water, more and more massage.

Then the spray is used, the water being fairly hot and the current strong. The main trouble with home shampooing is that rinsing is not prolonged as it should be. While the shower may be preferred, a spray that can be moved about is better.

BOYS AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf Visits an Iron Rooster

—And Hears What Happens When the Wind Blows—

By MAX TRELL



The Rooster stood on the roof of the house.

ON the roof of the house, at the spot where the two sides sloped up to from a point, stood a rooster. He wasn't a regular rooster. He was made of iron. He stood on the roof to tell everyone who happened to look up at him, which way the wind was blowing. This was important. Because if you knew which way the wind was blowing—whether North, East, South or West—you could generally tell if it were going to be rainy weather or fair weather.

Just below the rooster's feet were four letters—N, E, S, and W—each pointing in a different direction. The letters stood for the directions of the four winds; and you could always tell the name of the wind that was blowing because that would be the letter the rooster would be pointing at with his beak.

Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-around name, stood below on the lawn and watched the rooster for quite a while. He seemed to be extraordinary. First he turned in one direction, then he turned in another, and every few minutes he whirled completely around like a top. Knarf climbed up to the roof and sat down next to him, right on the letter E.

Not Many Visitors

"Nice to see you, my boy. I don't get many visitors here. It certainly is a windy day today. I haven't stood still for five minutes since breakfast. This wind can't seem to make up its mind which way it wants to blow. One minute it blows East and the next minute it blows West. 'Pardon me!' the rooster suddenly exclaimed. 'I'm afraid it changed its mind again.'"

With that—the rooster swung around and Knarf found himself looking at the rooster's tail. So he went over and sat on the W.

"March winds are very strange," the rooster went on. "Now take the winds in July and August. They start out in the morning by blowing from the South, and they keep blowing that way all day long—and sometimes they don't change for a week. In December and January and February they blow from the North or the West. And they don't shift

around much either. But these March winds are different. They don't know where they want to go. They keep blowing around—pardon me again, please!"

Rooster Spun Around

This time the rooster spun around and, finally, stopped with his beak pointing North. Knarf went and sat on the N.

"Do you see what I mean?" the rooster said. "They can't make up their minds. I keep turning and spinning until I'm so dizzy I don't know where I'm going. I wish somebody would do something about them before I fall off this roof and—pardon me!"

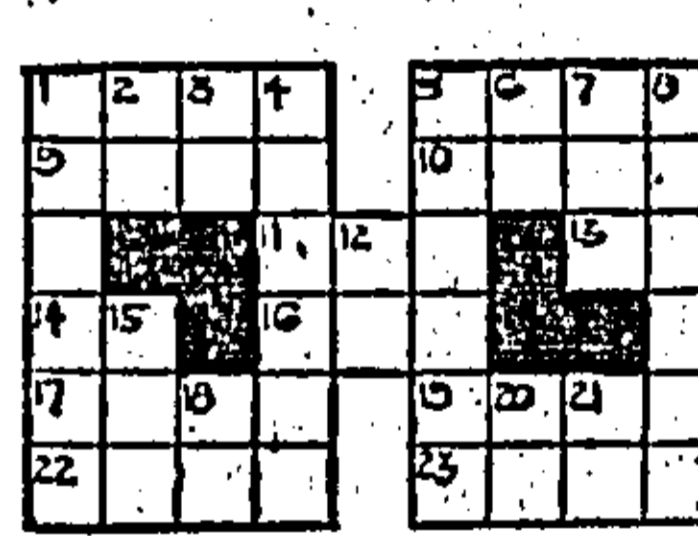
This time he swung around to the South. But before Knarf could move over to S, he had swung to West, then East, then South again, then North.

"Here, you'd better sit on my back," the rooster urged. "Quick! Jump on!"

Knarf jumped on the rooster's back just in time, for now he began swinging back and forth between West and East, and a few minutes later, between North and South.

Knarf had quite a good time ("It's a little like being on a merry-go-round," he thought). But the rooster wasn't at all happy. He didn't like March winds that never could make up their minds which way to blow, and tried their best to blow in all directions at the same time.

CROSSWORD



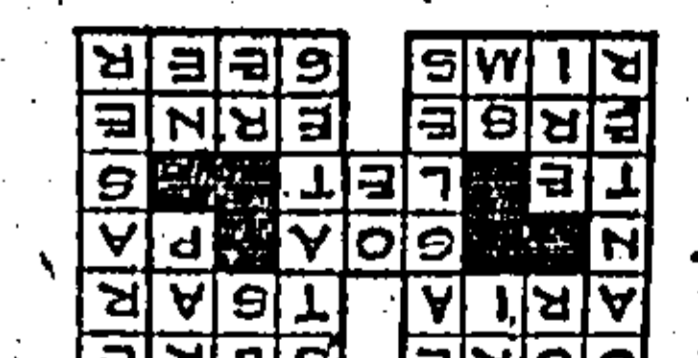
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ANSWER



Rupert helps Dr. Lion—23



Leaving the wood, Rupert hurries home and gives up all hope. Billy Grog appears and he pauses. "It's no good," cries the little bear. "I don't believe anybody can help Dr. Lion to get some sunshine. I've asked 'Coffin' Jerry and the old Professor and the Chinese conjurer and the old owl, and there's no-one else left who's worth asking." But Billy stops him. "You're wrong," he says. "There is one person left, and I believe he's cleverer and wiser than any of those."

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



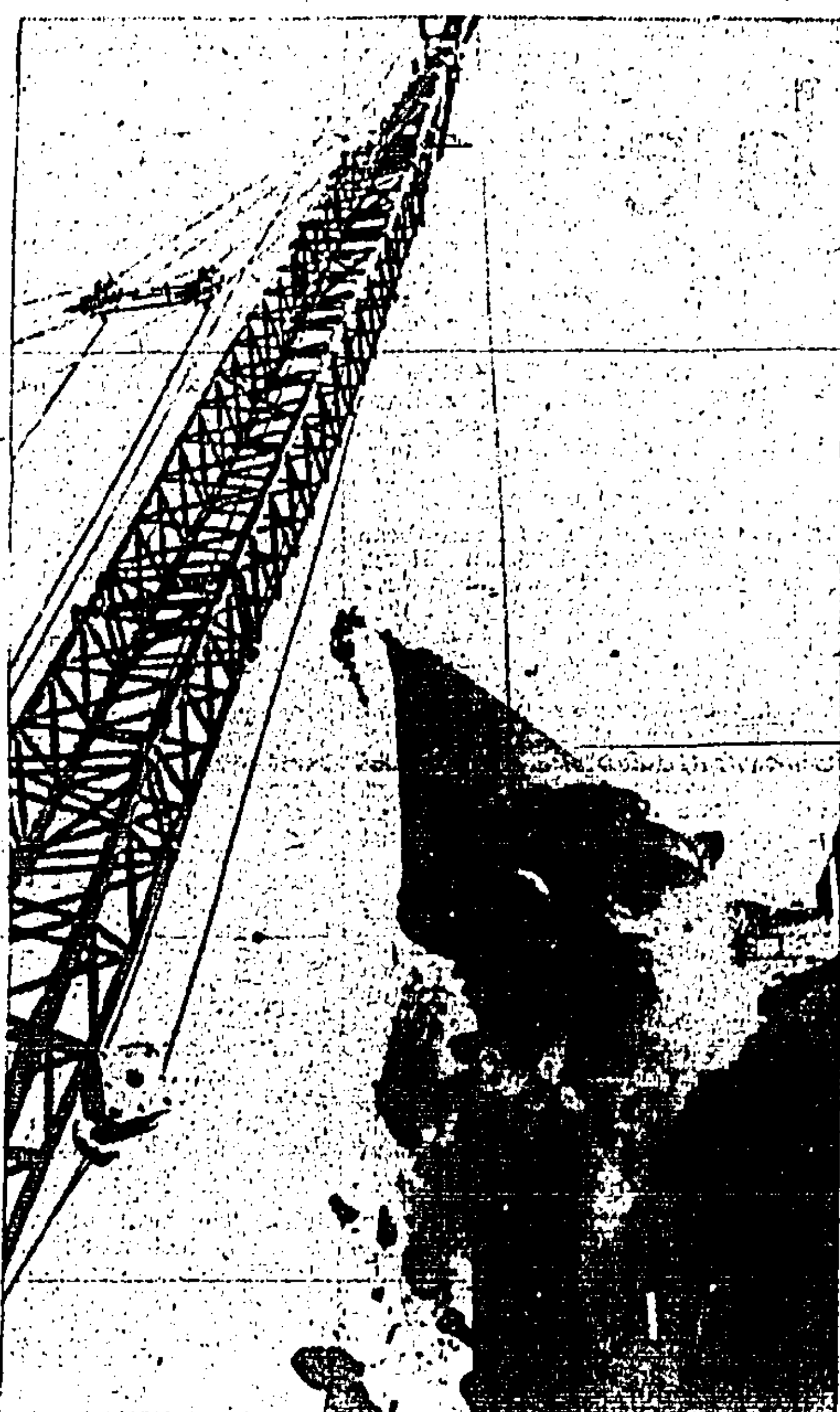
ON BORDER PATROL IN TRIESTE—United States soldiers in an armoured car patrol the northern border between the Free State of Trieste and Yugoslavia, in the background. Trieste police stand guard at the road barrier at the right.



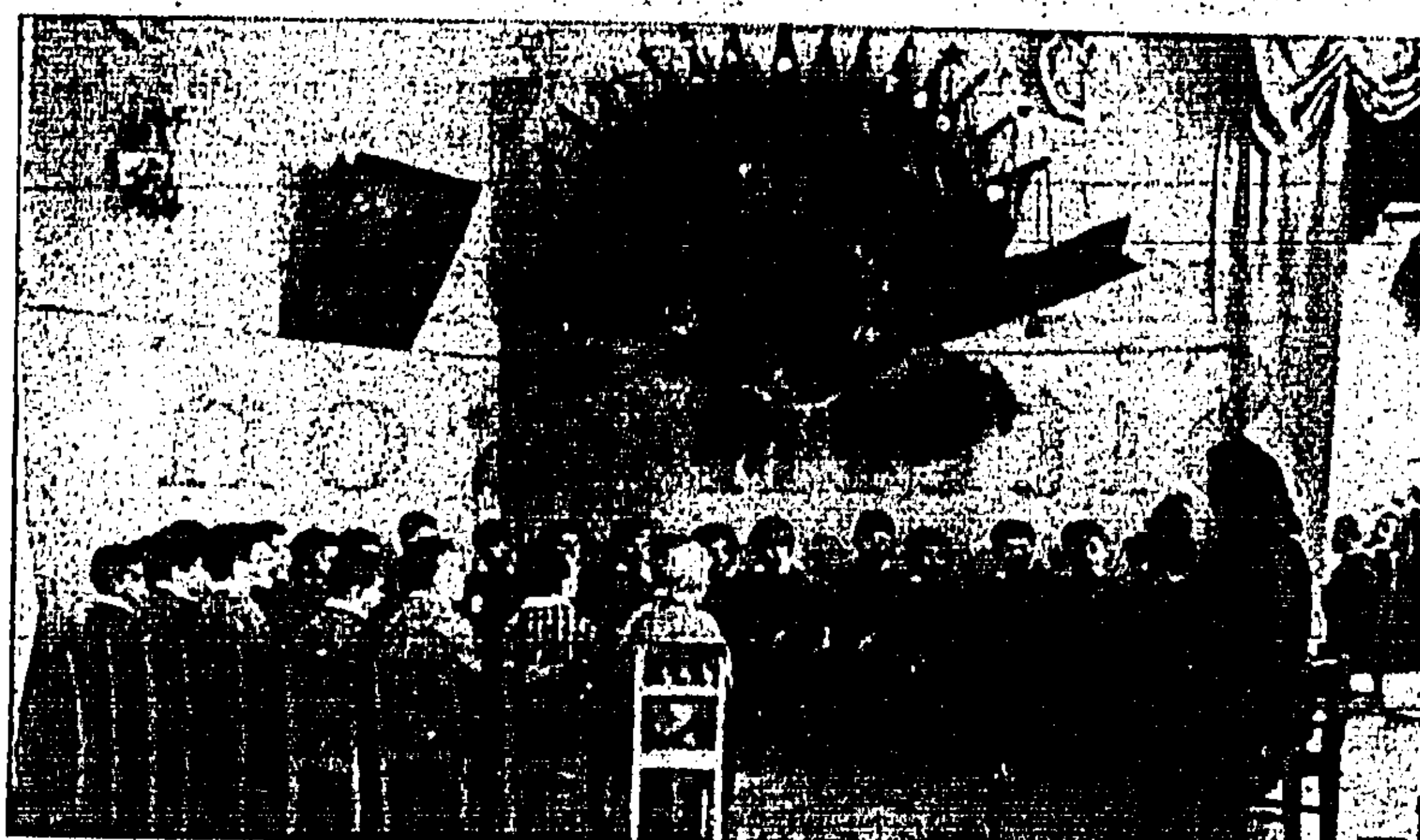
VICTIM—Barry LaFave, aged 8, named New Jersey's "healthiest and prettiest" baby boy in 1941, hanged himself accidentally while playing "cowboys and horse thieves" at his home in Audubon, New Jersey.



GRANDDADDY LOBSTER—Spirous Goullies photographed with the big lobster he caught at the start of the season at Newport, Rhode Island.



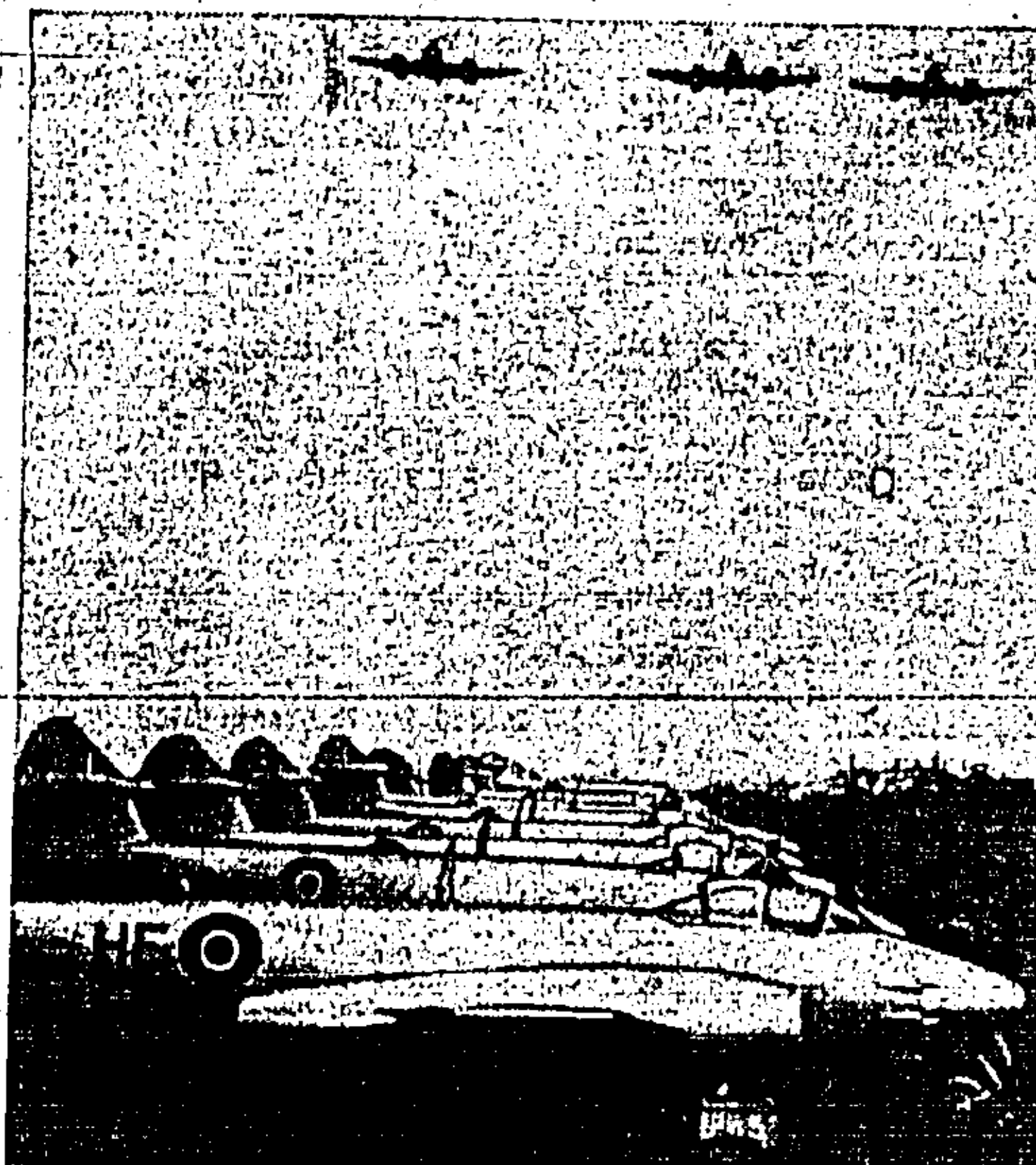
LOOK OUT BELOW!—A two-ton iron ball knocks the turret from the famous Schwab mansion in New York. Long untenanted, the 75-room home was built by the late steel magnate at a cost of US\$8,000,000. Today the real estate is more valuable than the home.



AT SCHOOL IN RUSSIA—A teacher holds a teddy bear as she tells folk tales to children in a Soviet nursery school. They sit beneath a portrait of Marshal Stalin. The agency which supplied this picture did not name the town in which the school is located.



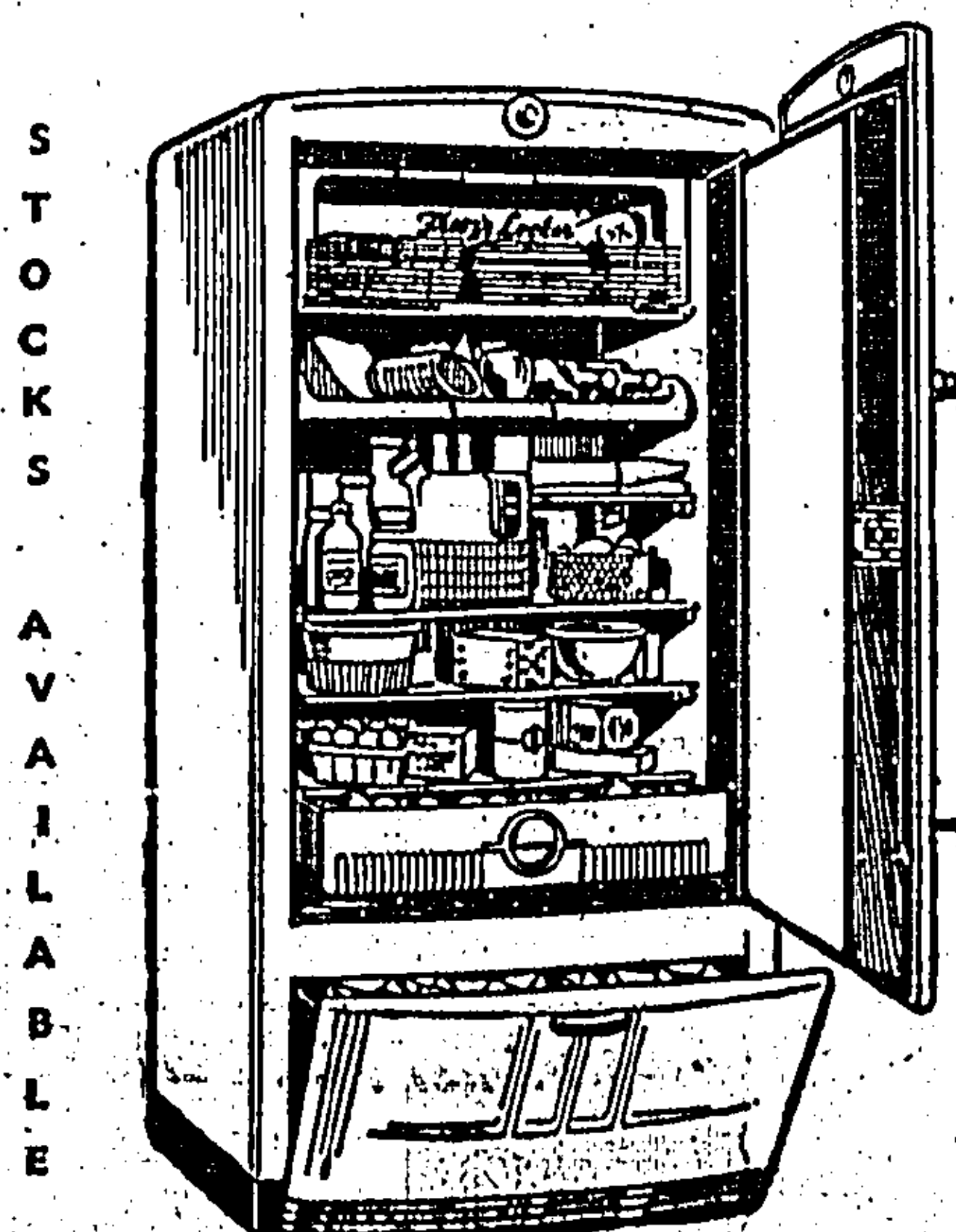
BONNET—A halo-hat of sweet peas in true-to-life colours, worn by Jane Wyman of motion pictures.



JET FIGHTERS—Meteor IV's sweep low over a line of other jet fighter planes at Horsham St. Faith, near Norwich, England, shortly after the base was equipped with the speedy craft.



INGRID RECEIVES AWARD—President Truman presents Ingrid Bergman, star of stage and screen, with the Women's National Press Club achievement award for the theatre at the club's annual dinner in Washington.



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MOONSTRUCK—Robert W. Eaton, right, and Charles W. Honhold, both 24, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, refused to be discouraged just because the U.S. Department of the Interior rejected their claim to the moon. Secretary Julius A. Krug said the U. S. has no sovereignty over the moon. Eaton and Honhold believe a rocket trip will be made to the moon within their lifetime.

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"Good afternoon. We're from the Ministry of Rail Transport. I suppose you've heard that the country needs all the rolling-stock that is available?"

Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE gods drove Hitler mad before they destroyed him, and it looks as if they're now working on a lot of Communist characters in Eastern Europe.

Nothing but lunacy could explain the action of some crazy comrades in Poland who are reorganising the Polish Boy Scout movement to harmonise with their own morbid political philosophy.

Although he is paid to be a clown even your uncle Nat could never think of anything quite so clownish as this, though, with proper humility as a wretched amateur, he would like to offer a few suggestions to the master clowns.

May he suggest, with the full knowledge that if his suggestions are not approved by the Lord High Comrades of the Kremlin he will probably end his days in an Arthur Horner Cultural Centre for Unco-operative Comrades (or Concentration Camp), that in the place of the old-fashioned Boy Scout motto, "One Good Turn a Day," the motto "One Dirty Trick a Day," should be substituted in accordance with Communist behaviour?

Further, may he suggest that the following dirty tricks should be practised each day of the week by Communist Boy Scouts all over the world so that there shall be a comradely uniformity even in their dirtiness?

MONDAY

Every Comrade Boy Scout to kick at least one unco-operative hane dog over a stile. This will not only destroy the old Christian ideal of helping the unfortunate but will be good practice for kicking unco-operative comrades in cultural centres in later life. If a lame dog happens to be unco-operative a mock trial must be held to prove that it is unco-operative. This will prove a useful training ground for future mock trials, and a full understanding of Communist justice and methods of procedure.

TUESDAY

Mothers' and Fathers' Day. This day to be devoted to the betrayal of mothers and fathers. Every Comrade Boy Scout must devote Tuesdays to listening at keyholes, hoping their parents will offer some criticism of the party which may be reported to the Commissar Scout-master and thus earn promotion for the informer. It should be considered legitimate to ask parents trap questions to see if they give themselves away or to encourage them to make complaints by com-

plaining yourself. Careful notes should be made of their replies. Notebooks to be provided for the purpose.

WEDNESDAY

Weather permitting, a dirty game of cricket. Weather not permitting, an even dirtier game of Soccer than those played in the degenerate democracies. Before the dirty game of cricket a lecturer must explain how the degenerate English played it, keeping to the rules and giving opponents the benefit of the doubt. Then a game of Communist cricket to be played, showing how you can win by ignoring the rules and threatening the umpire, and illustrating the sheer stupidity of giving an opponent even a glass of lemonade on a hot day. All scores to be faked and every boundary to be hit by the team fielding.

THURSDAY

Dirty Scout Lare Day. These Thursdays to be spent in the country hiding comrades' flints and other fire-making material. Comrades could be induced to climb trees with the branches half gawn through by foreign saboteurs. This will teach them to distrust all foreigners. One troop, posing as enemies of the party, could also invite a loyal party troop to dinner, having stolen their rations. The loyal troop's dinners would be poisoned, which (if not too late) would teach them not to trust anybody but party members.

FRIDAY

Death to Old and Useless People Day. These happy Fridays to be spent stealing old folks' ration cards and pushing the branch under bushes instead of helping them across the road. A special badge to be awarded for this useful work of saving national food supplies.

SATURDAY

Friendship Day. A short play to be performed showing how a comrade has only one friend, the party. The hero, a Scout who got his father hanged, his mother shot, and all his friends into concentration camps, grows up to be a commissar with double rations and a house in the country. For a time he makes no further progress

until he discovers that his wife is not his true friend after all. He remembers she once made a sneering remark about Lenin. So he gets her shot, and from that moment never looks back.

SUNDAY

A day to be devoted entirely to proving by lectures on faked history how cultured Communists wrote everything, painted everything, and composed everything long before there were any Communists and long before old daddy Marx grew the beard which became the envy of hairy apes all over the world. Comrade Scouts also to hear how Communists invented everything,

from bows and arrows to tanks, from steam engines to jet engines, how they discovered everything from the circulation of the blood to the curative properties of radium; how they explored every corner of the earth and colonised it; how they were the first to fly the Atlantic, the first to sail under the sea.

Comrade Scouts would also hear about the great Russian Navy, whose traditions go back even further than the glorious days of that staunch party man, the late Admiral Nelson; how the great Russian Army won every battle from Hastings to Waterloo until it came to the rescue of the degenerate democracies (who hid in air raid shelters), defeating the Germans, Italians, and Japanese, on land, on the sea, and in the air, without the assistance of anybody.

Finally, Comrade Scouts would be given a word picture of the future world run by a super-Communist entitled to treble rations and two houses in the country. In this world everybody would be doing a dirty trick to somebody else, everybody would be spying on everybody else, and millions of old folks who couldn't work in the factories, would be pushed under thousands of buses every day.

THE ECHO THAT WILL NOT STOP

By NEWELL ROGERS.

NEW YORK. With the next atom bomb explosion in the Pacific, General MacArthur is still hearing the echo of the bomb on Hiroshima.

The Authors' League protests today against his censorship in Japan of John Hersey's book, "Hiroshima," which describes what happened when the bomb went off.

The protest comes at an awkward moment for MacArthur. He is trying to beat Dewey and Stassen in a Wisconsin election to choose a Republican candidate for president. A MacArthur victory makes him Truman's dangerous rival. His defeat means virtual elimination for the presidential race.

A party of Congressmen is waiting in Washington to fly to Eniwetok Island to watch the big bang. And as they prepare to set it off, a missionary schooner arrives in the Caroline Islands, west of Eniwetok, with a cargo of Bibles for the natives.

AN HOUR OF SILENCE is planned on the third night of the Republican Party's convention to

choose the man who will stand against Truman for President. During the hour, Republicans will turn on their radios to listen to bulletins from the Louis-Walcott championship prize fight.

AMERICAN WOMEN are to use radar waves to heat the clips for their perms. And they are going to wear nylons made of corn-cobs. The first corn-cob nylon factory, which is starting up at Niagara Falls, will need 100,000 tons of cobs a year.

BROADWAY'S GOLD will continue to roll into the pockets of British actors like Olivier, Gielgud, Redgrave, and Richardson, the New York Times concludes, because they give better performances. The New York Times finds two reasons for superior British acting. America has no provincial stock companies to train actors; Hollywood snatches and then stunts the growth of promising talent.

THE U.S. ARMY and Atomic Energy Commission have ordered 24 prints of the British documentary film "Atomic Physics," for use in training.

Jap Influence In Peiping Life Now Wiped Out

By SPENCER MOOSA

YOU can buy gay silk kimonos at street stalls in Peiping, and you see buildings of unmistakable Japanese design. Otherwise, two and a half years have wiped out almost every evidence of the eight-year Japanese occupation of this former capital of China.

It is therefore a surprise to come across a home in Peiping East city with the inscription "Japan is a rotten little country" chalked on the door, and to find that it is occupied by a Japanese family, one of many in this section.

About 700 Japanese still live in Peiping, but they have made themselves inconspicuous by wearing Chinese or Western clothes.

About 200 are technicians, such as electrical, railroad and radio engineers, with the same jobs they had during the Japanese occupation.

AID UTILITIES

Some Chinese say the public utilities would have collapsed without them.

These technicians will not return to Japan until they have trained Chinese to replace them.

The remaining 500 consist of their wives and children, together with a sprinkling of doctors, Buddhist priests, and stray people who somehow did not make the last repatriation ship.

Life is not easy for most of them, although they are rarely molested.

The technicians' salaries, like those of their Chinese colleagues, are paid by the Chinese Government and have not kept up with increases in the cost of living.

The Japanese must sell such painting or pottery or anything else of value when the baby gets sick or the price of food jumps sharply.

Most of the Japanese now in Peiping have lived there for eight or more years. They liked Peiping and, after V-J Day, many hoped they would be allowed to stay.

WANT TO RETURN

Months of increasing poverty and the fact that their movements are regulated by the Chinese authorities have steadily blunted this wish to remain.

In about a month about 300 Japanese will be repatriated. They look forward to this with mixed feelings. The teenagers are especially apprehensive, for they do not remember Japan and dread what they hear of the discipline and rigid formality of Japanese life.

One pretty girl, just out of high school, said: "Here I wear any sort of clothes and lots of time my hair is messy. But when I get to Japan, I must wear a 'spotless kimono' and walk down the street slowly and properly."

The Japanese in Peiping handle their affairs through a "self-government association" headed by a chairman and seven directors, all men who hold other full-time jobs.

The association has three main jobs. The most important one is to transmit instructions received from the Peiping municipal government via Nanking.

JOBS ASSIGNED

Jobs are assigned by the Chinese authorities, and it is difficult either to quit or change them.

Under other regulations, Japanese may not leave Peiping without permission, or start businesses of their own.

They are not allowed to hold large gatherings, although they may visit freely each other's homes.

Formerly the Japanese were forbidden to go to public parks, but now they may.

The association collects monthly dues from the Japanese residents to fulfil its other two main jobs.

One is to see that members have adequate housing and the means of earning a living.

The other is to run two schools for about 600 children.

One of the directors of the self-government association said: "We would like to do more for our people, but we don't have the money."

Although none of the Japanese in Peiping is starving, their lives are drab. An occasional movie is about the only entertainment they can afford. But they do not complain or ask for sympathy. They know they are unwanted guests, and all they hope is that somehow things will be better for them when they return to Japan.—Associated Press.

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An ammunition convoy was also observed in the frontier area. In 1946, when Transjordan became an independent State, an agreement was reached between the British Government and King Abdullah by which Arab Legion units, then serving under British command in Palestine, would be loaned to Britain for continued service.

Britain has stated that these units shall be evacuated under British orders to Transjordan before the termination of the mandate on May 15. They would then come under the orders of King Abdullah, rejoining the main body of the Legion. Asked if the Arab Legion was now to be regarded as an "enemy", a Jewish Agency spokesman in Jerusalem said today: "The Arab Legion will be regarded, as an Arab force. If they attack Jews, Jewish property and Jewish positions, they will be resisted."

The spokesman said that Transjordan's "threats, warnings and boasts are on the verge of being fulfilled". Commenting on Britain's position, the spokesman said there had been an unequivocal declaration by British Ministers that British arms were not being used by Arab forces fighting in Palestine.

ARAB REFUGEES FLEE

If there was active intervention by Iraq and Transjordan forces in the fighting, it would mean intervention, not only with British arms and equipment, but "exclusively with such arms and equipment", the spokesman declared. The British Army in Jerusalem reported today that Arab refugees were fleeing from the Arab camp of Jaffa, under Jewish attack, at the rate of 20 packed vehicles an hour.

Three explosions, which blasted a Jewish shop extensively, damaged the Palestine police district headquarters in Jerusalem's post office building. Captain Richard Butler Leggett, (R.N. Retired), was shot dead by an Arab outside Barclay's Bank in Jerusalem today. He was the second Briton to die in Jerusalem in less than 24 hours. The other was Mr. B. O. Denham, 47-year-old housing and planning director of the Palestine Government's Public Works Department. He was shot dead by an unknown gunman in the Arab German colony of Jerusalem.

Captain Leggett was recently appointed Vice-Consul on the staff of Sir Hugh Dow, the British representative in Palestine when the mandate ends on May 15, and was formerly in Basra, Mesopotamia.

GIVEN WARNING

The mistress of a passenger sampan was cautioned by Mr. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning for conveying seven prostitutes in her boat, and warning that if she came up again on a similar charge she would be liable to a fine of \$200.

Defendant pleaded that she had to earn a living and feed her family.

Alleged Attack On Young Woman At Shamshuipo

The story of an alleged attack by the principal tenant on a young woman sub-tenant of a flat at Yee Kuk Street, Shamshuipo, as a result of which the woman lost the sight of her right eye, was related before Mr. Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when the trial of Mak Ken-yu, a 65-year-old broker, opened.

Mak is charged with maliciously wounding Chan Yin-mei, 29-year-old married woman, with intent to do her grievous bodily harm. Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Insps. C. Dowman, is prosecuting, and the accused is defended by Mr. G. H. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. F. H. Losby. Accused pleaded not guilty.

The jury empanelled included three women. Mr. Lonsdale said that the woman, Chan, lived with her husband at No. 134 Yee Kuk Street, second floor, and occupied a cubicle as sub-tenant of the accused. For some time there had been a dispute between the accused and his sub-tenants with regard to the rent which they were paying, and as a result the accused did not collect rent for a number of months. Chan's husband, in the meantime, had inserted a notice in a Chinese newspaper calling on the accused to collect the rent.

On the early morning of March 12, the woman and her husband were asleep in their cubicle when they were awakened by noise and heard the accused outside. They put on their clothes and the husband went to the cubicle door and spoke to the accused. At that time he noticed the accused with a chopper in his hand, but this was put down.

Accused then rushed into Chan's cubicle, and struck her with a stool. The husband and wife spoke of reporting the matter to the police, and the wife made towards the exit of the premises, but was being held back by the accused. The husband then rushed into Chan's cubicle, and struck her with a stool. The husband and wife spoke of reporting the matter to the police, and the wife made towards the exit of the premises, but was being held back by the accused. The husband then rushed into Chan's cubicle, and struck her with a stool. The husband and wife spoke of reporting the matter to the police, and the wife made towards the exit of the premises, but was being held back by the accused.

The case is proceeding.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



CARGO PILFERING AT WHARVES DECREASING

Report To Wharf & Godown Meeting

"We have maintained throughout the year the improvement in rate of discharge, and are still able to turn a ship round in Hongkong quicker than in most other ports," declared the Hon. D. F. Landale at the Annual Meeting of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., held this morning.

In his report to shareholders, Mr. Landale, Chairman of Directors, also stated that the reduction in cargo thefts and pilferage had been maintained, and it was safe to say that the reputation of the port of Hongkong in this respect today was higher than any other port in the World.

He said: "Since our last Annual Meeting news has been received in the Colony of the death of Mr. A. H. Compton, who served on the Board of Directors of this company for over 25 years. I am sure shareholders will join with me in expressing our very deep regret and our sympathy with his family."

The Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1947 have been in your hands for the prescribed period, and with your permission I will take them as read. During the year, we handled a total of 654 vessels, which discharged 946,000 tons of cargo. Although the total cargo discharged is slightly less than the total for 1946, the number of vessels shows an increase of just over 50%, which I think is a satisfactory indication of post-war re-establishment of merchant shipping.

We have maintained throughout the year the improvement in rate of discharge to which I referred at our last Meeting, and as far as one can judge from general reports, we are still able to turn a ship round in Hongkong quicker than in most other ports.

LESS PILFERAGE
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LAUNCH FLEET
Our launch fleet now consists of eight up-to-date vessels, which is only a little less than our former figure, and with this fleet and our lighter capacity of 7,000 tons of cargo, we are in an excellent position to provide efficient and rapid facilities for shipment or transhipment, under expert supervision; despite heavy expenses in the year, by keeping up the strength of the fleet at 71 craft, although it has not yet been possible to reach our pre-war strength of 120 lighters.

Cargo handling gear has been fitted to many of our craft and this, together with our modern fleet of motor-launches, has contributed materially to the speed at which transshipments can be effected. Our twin-screw tug "Kowloon", recovered from Canton, was placed in service after extensive reconditioning and modernisation in October, and a new launch has been acquired to take the place of our old "Penguin" which was finally located in Canton, but sold as being unfit for our service.

The general rehabilitation of your properties has progressed very satisfactorily, and those of you who cross the harbour regularly have probably noticed that the scars of war are progressively disappearing. The reconstruction programme which I outlined last year is also well in hand.

The construction of No. 25-A shed was completed at the end of the year, and this valuable asset was immediately put into operation, releasing 7,000 tons of space in our storage godowns for its rightful use. Another prefabricated godown of 6,000 tons capacity has been erected on the site of our old Godown No. 6, which was destroyed during hostilities, and two further godowns to take the place of demolished buildings on our Kowloon Point property will be completed in about a month's time.

Our specially constructed dangerous goods godowns at Yau-mat have been built to capacity during the year, and construction of further accommodation for this type of cargo is under consideration.

RECONSTRUCTED WHARVES
As far as the Wharves are concerned, reconstruction of our West Point wharf has been completed with the exception of part of the superstructure, and this old established facility for the coastal trade is once again in operation. Repairs to No. 3 Wharf were completed last October, and the wharf is again in first class condition and full operation.

Demolition of No. 4 Wharf has been completed, and the bulk of the materials for its reconstruction have been obtained; work on the actual construction is expected to commence shortly. Maintenance repairs have been carried out on all other wharves to keep them in safe and proper condition until the completion of No. 4 Wharf permits their major reconstruction to be undertaken.

We are still without information as to the terms and conditions under which our new Pier Leases will be issued, but on August 22 last year it was officially announced that—New Pier Leases are to be granted without delay so that Lessees may not be hindered from rehabilitating and proceeding with plans for the construction of new Piers. The question of the terms of the new Leases is being pursued with Government.

Delays, which these days appear inevitable, have occurred in delivery of mechanical equipment which has been on order for some time, but some of it is now afloat and we hope to complete the installation of the two additional electric cranes on our wharf very soon.

DAB and FLOUNDER



Turning to the Accounts, in Profit and Loss Account the item of \$62,400 under Charitable Donations is large, but this includes several non-recurring donations including those to the Hongkong War Memorial Fund, the British Flood Relief Fund and the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Flood Relief Fund. The sum of \$200,000 for Corporations Profit Tax is an interim assessment, as we have exercised our option to be assessed on 1947 figures, and this figure is subject to adjustment on the basis of the Accounts now presented.

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On the conclusion of the Ordinary Annual Meeting, an Extraordinary General Meeting was held, at which the Hon. D. F. Landale said that the existing Articles of Association of the company were compiled when the company was first incorporated in 1886 and were now out of date. He proposed that the new Articles of Association, which had been available for inspection by shareholders since April 5, be adopted in substitution for the existing Articles.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. H. Kadoorie, and carried unanimously. Present at both meetings were: Hon. D. F. Landale (Chairman); Mr. H. D. Benham, Mr. L. Kadoorie, Hon. M. K. Lo, Mr. N. O. C. Marsh, Mr. A. C. Offenberger, Mr. A. H. Penn, Mr. R. Valentine, Mr. T. B. Wilson (Directors); Mr. C. E. Terry (Manager and Secretary); Messrs G. B. S. Thomson, J. Moodie, R. A. Wadson, M. H. Le, W. Hyde, J. H. Sch, H. Kadoorie, R. H. Jones, R. Gordon, A. N. Mackenzie, Wong Sik-yuen, P. Morrison, N. J. Jensen (Shareholders).

LIQUIDATING OVERDRAFTS
Part of the proceeds of the New Issue has been applied in liquidation of our Bank overdrafts, and I would draw your attention to the note under current assets which shows that our cash balance includes an amount deposited with the Bank against interest on pre-war overdraft. The actual amount cannot be determined until the legislation governing such transactions is completed, but our maximum liability in this direction will probably be about \$500,000 and is provided for in our General Contingencies Account.

Capital expenditure during the year was \$1,000,000 and rehabilitation expenditure was \$1,374,000—a total of \$2,374,000—while commitments in respect of reconstruction replacement constituted a contingent liability of approximately \$1,400,000. In addition to these commitments, as I intimated last year, further heavy expenditure will be necessary before our reconstruction programme can be completed.

Until this morning the position in regard to our claim for War losses remained unchanged, but you will no doubt have read in the Press the latest developments, the effect of which on your company will now have to be considered by the Board. I do not think there is anything further in the Accounts calling for comment. The year 1947, like its predecessor, was a difficult one in which continued rehabilitation had to be carried on concurrently with day-to-day operations, and this has put a heavy strain on our staff. It is difficult for a Chairman to find something new to say about them every year; they object to being singled out individually, so I can only tell you that you have good cause to be, as I am sure you are, as grateful to them as are your Board.

STOLEN TOBACCO POUCH
For receiving a tobacco pouch which was stolen from Mr. H. A. McKay, Land Bailiff, the Hongkong Hotel in Pedder Street, Hong Kong, 33, carpenter, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. A. Almond at Central this morning.

Prison For Receiver
Inspector H. Moran said the complainant who was standing outside the Hotel discovered that his tobacco pouch was missing and immediately saw a Chinese hand it to defendant. When defendant noticed that he had been seen, he threw the pouch on the ground and started to run, but was eventually arrested by Mr. McKay who handed him over to the Police.

Defendant who had three previous convictions was recommended for banishment.

WOOD MURDER TRIAL
Mr. D. A. L. Wright has been assigned for the defence in the Wood murder case which will be heard before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, at the Criminal Sessions. The date has provisionally been fixed for May 24. Mr. Wright will be instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist.

Three Chinese are accused of the murder of L. B. Wood at a path leading from Lion Rock to Shatin on February 11, and robbing G. R. Ross who was hiking with Wood at the time.

Seconding the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts, Mr. R. A. Wadson said he felt he was expending the feeling of the general body of shareholders present in saying that the report and accounts afforded ample evidence of a very conservative and sound direction and management of the company. He felt that the Board and the whole of the Staff were

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SPORTS NEWS

BOXING

CLOSE FIGHTS IN SERVICES FINALS

The finals of the Inter-Services Open Championships were fought last night at the China Fleet Club Theatre, turning up a high standard of boxing and no major upset.

Navy took three of the five titles, and Army two. Two of the runner-up berths went to Navy, two to Army, and one to the RAF's sole entry.

Four of the fights were won on points, three of these on very close decisions, and the fifth on a TKO in the second round. The wild slogging that had featured the preliminary rounds wore down by the time the finals were reached yesterday.

Closest fight of the five final bouts was in the feather-weight class, Fusilier Bond of the Inniskillings winning a very close decision over Alraftsman W. Norton.

Both weighed in at nine stone and conceded very little to one another in height or reach. Bond was the stockier, Norton the more rangy.

It was a game and sporting fight from the opening bell to the last few seconds and it must have been a hard job for the judges to reach any decision. Yet Bond seemed slightly better, just by an infinitesimal fraction of a point somewhere.

He was the surer of the two and his punches nearly always hit home. Norton was the craftier though with poorer judgment of length to his blows.

Both slogged away when the opportunity arose and Norton stopped some hot ones in the last few seconds of the third and final round. He had more punch, was quicker on his feet, but had less staying power.

PULLING v. McMEALIN

Leading Writer Bob Pulling, of HMS Fleet, took the Middleweight title but not without meeting stiff opposition from AB McMealin of HMS Consort.

Pulling, of course, was the classier boxer, with a better all-round knowledge of the art. McMealin was not outclassed and had a quick eye for the dodge, seldom allowing his opponent to land a heavier one.

He took the offensive whenever an opening came his way and Pulling saved himself a lot of punishment by timely dodging. It was far from being a one-sided show and McMealin was light enough on his feet though he did not look it if judging on build alone.

He was four pounds heavier, had about two inches on Pulling in height and a slight advantage in reach. His jabs from the shoulder carried weight but the rest of his battery repertoire wasn't quite up to Pulling's variety.

He had a very close fight earlier in the evening in his semi-final pairing with Sgt. Barr of the Inniskillings, where Pulling had a comparatively easier passage into the final against Cpl. Bruce of the Buffs, a game fighter but not in the same class.

McKAY v. RYAN

A rather unfortunate situation developed out of the welterweight final bout between L/Cpl. J. McKay of the Inniskillings and Steward C. P. Ryan of HMS Quiberon. The Australian reached the final on a walk-over from a shipmate, while McKay stopped a fair amount of punishment in eliminating AB Mulvey of HMS Amethyst.

Mulvey had the better of the first round and it took McKay two more rounds of hard fighting to take the judges' decision. Ryan entered the ring fresh and his TKO of McKay in the second round was as much Mulvey's work as his own.

SCOLLINS v. McLAUGHLIN

AB M. J. McLaughlin, of HMS London, put in three rounds of good boxing against his shipmate, SPO J. T. Scollins, despite a thumb injury sustained before the final. Scollins did not have an easy time breaking through his guard and did not put in any telling punches till the third round.

CLARKE v. DOUBLE

The light-heavyweight final was an All-Buffs affair with L/Cpl. Double, of the wicked punch, given little opportunity to use it by a trickier and faster opponent.

Pte. Clarke conceded six pounds in weight and a little in reach, but more than made up for it by being faster on his feet, on the offensive as long as he could keep it up, and with a guard that would have taken a craftier boxer than Double to break into with effect.

Where Double widened in one of his hooks, Clarke took a few, but quite enough, late in the second and early in the third round.

With the first round Clarke, the second about even, and the third Double by a slight edge, this fight was a difficult one to pick a winner from.

GRAZIANO DRIVES HORNE ON ROPES



Rocky Graziano (right), middleweight boxing champion, drives Sonny Horne against the ropes with a hard right in the sixth round of a non-title bout in Washington. Graziano won the decision in 10 rounds.—AP Wirephoto.

BASEBALL

N.Y. GIANTS ROUT PHILADELPHIA

New York, Apr. 27.—In the National League, the New York Giants, combining the excellent pitching of Larry Jansen with their usual savage batting attack, rolled to their sixth straight triumph today, defeating Philadelphia 7-1.

Catcher Walker Cooper's three-run homer off rookie Curt Simmons in the third inning started the Giant fireworks.

The Chicago Cubs jumped on Cincinnati's Ewell Blackwell for three runs in the first inning and went on to defeat the Reds 7-2 behind the pitching of Bob McCall. Blackwell had won two games this season.

Third baseman Bob Elliott, last year's valuable player in the National League, batted in all Boston runs with a home run and two singles to lead the Braves to a 3-2 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers. Red Barrett registered his first victory of the season.

The Saint Louis at Pittsburgh game was postponed because of rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

In the American League, a three-run first inning, highlighted by catcher Yogi Berra's two-run double, enabled the New York Yankees to defeat the Philadelphia Athletics, 4-2.

Joe Page as relief pitcher pulled the game out of the fire when he took over with two on base in the eighth.

Rightfielder Al Zarilla's single off Hal Newhouse, appearing in a relief role, scored leftfielder Whitey Platt with the deciding run and gave the Saint Louis Browns a 9-8 victory over the Detroit Tigers, in an 11-inning contest.

The Cleveland at Chicago game was postponed because of rain.

The Boston at Washington game is a night game.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League		
	Won	Lost
New York	7	2
Chicago	4	3
Philadelphia	4	4
Pittsburgh	4	4
St. Louis	4	4
Cincinnati	4	4
Brooklyn	3	5
Boston	3	6
American League		
	Won	Lost
Cleveland	5	0
Washington	5	2
St. Louis	4	2
New York	4	3
Philadelphia	4	4
Detroit	3	5
Boston	1	5
Chicago	1	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Philadelphia	1	3	2
New York	7	0	0
(Winning pitcher Larry Jansen)			
Chicago	7	12	0
Cincinnati	2	0	2
(Winning pitcher Bob McCall)			
Brooklyn	2	0	1
Boston	3	4	0
(Winning pitcher Red Barrett)			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
New York	4	1
Philadelphia	2	5
(Winning pitcher Karl Drews)		
Detroit	10	2
San Diego	13	0
Saint Louis	9	15
(Winning pitcher Al Widmar)		

MINOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

	Won	Lost
Indianapolis	9	3
Saint Paul	7	5
Minneapolis	7	5
Columbus	6	6
Milwaukee	6	7
Louisville	6	7
Kansas City	5	8
Toledo	4	9

PACIFIC COAST

	Won	Lost
San Francisco	15	8
Oakland	15	11
Los Angeles	10	12
San Diego	14	13
Portland	11	14
Seattle	0	12
Sacramento	0	14
Hollywood	0	13

TEXAS

	Won	Lost
San Antonio	7	4
Dallas	7	5
Beaumont	6	5
Fort Worth	6	5
Oklahoma City	6	6
Houston	6	6
Tulsa	6	7
Shreveport	3	6

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

	Won	Lost
Mobile	6	3
Memphis	6	3
Nashville	5	3
Birmingham	5	4
New Orleans	4	5
Atlanta	4	6
Chattanooga	3	6
Little Rock	2	7

—Associated Press.

COLONY TENNIS

IP KOON-HUNG TO CONTEST HIS SECOND FINAL

The Colony Open Singles title holder, Ip Koon-hung, advanced into the final of this year's championship when he won easily at the HKCC yesterday from the year's strongest challenger, Choy Tin-fook, in straight sets. The score was 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.

Neither player could accustom himself to the heavy ball, already greenish-black in colour from contact with the sodden grass by the time three games had been played, and Choy, particularly, kept misjudging the bounce all through and seldom connected for his drives from low off the ground.

Both Ip and Choy lost on four of their six services in the first set, where gallery appeal was almost down to nil. Ip sprang into the lead when he took the game on his second service to lead 3-1 and the following on Choy's for 4-1.

Choy rallied at this stage to take three games in a row but fell out badly again on his own service in the ninth game which he lost after one deuce. He won again on Ip's to hold him at 5-5.

The next game was the deciding one of the first set. Choy twice held advantage server and twice double-faulted. The game went to six deuces but was Ip's finally. He took the next game at love for set.

SECOND SET

The second set saw Ip recovered sufficiently to take stock of the situation and make the best of it. Exploiting Choy's weak pick-up from the grass, he kept volleying to the baseline at every opportunity and dropping when he could, jumping into a lead of 4-1 and permitting his opponent but one more game as he won at 6-2.

Choy was so thoroughly routed that but one game went to deuce while Ip won on all four of his services with a loss of just three points.

In the third set, Choy finally found his stroke and there were patches of sparkling tennis. He need Ip on the first ball of his first service and led 40-15. Luck was against him as much as Ip and he conceded the game after two deuces, having led 40-15 at one stage.

Ip's service had improved considerably and he won the second to love. The third game was Choy's after one deuce. He was unlucky to lose the next after twice holding advantage receiver.

Choy was now near his best, though he never touched top form at any stage yesterday, and won the fifth game on his own service at 50-30. He won just one more—the seventh. Ip was beginning to tire top form but had still one more hard game to win—the ninth—Choy held advantage receiver and took him to two deuces. The last game was a collapse for Choy as he lost set and match to love on his own service.

THE ARMY'S PROSPECTS FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

(By ARCHIE QUICK)

As the time draws nearer, interest mounts in the Olympic Games and there is every prospect that Army will provide a reasonable proportion of the athletes.

Apart from the Pentathlon, however, Army competitors, if any, will be almost certainly confined to boxing and athletics with perhaps one swimmer.

The man on whom most reliance is being placed naturally is CSM Paddy Ryan, RPTC, as a welterweight boxer.

He is expected to have the backing of anyone pitted against him from Europe and if he is to lose the one honour which he needs to complete his unique collection it will probably be an American who will do the trick, same as it happened in Chicago last winter.

Other Army boxers who are in Olympic training at the present time are S. I. J. Williams, RPTC, welter, L/Cpl. R. Bebbington, REME, middle, Cpl. Scott, CRMP, lightweight, Gdnma. A. Lord, first Grenadiers, heavyweight, Gdnma. A. Harding, first Grenadiers, heavy.

Major Legard will, of course, lead the Pentathlon team against strong Continental opposition and the probable Army swimmer is Cpl. Ronnie Steadman, Inflic. Corps, 100 and 220 yards free style Army champion but it is possible he will be demobilised before the Olympics begin.

At fencing, Major S. Gelder, RPTC, and Capt. L. Lambeth, APTC, are on the short list for the sabre, but it is at athletics that Army will come into its own despite Capt. Whittle, dual AAA champion, being now demobilised. Six names that have been forwarded by the Army Athletic Board to the AAA are Sec. Lt. P. H. Valle, RASC, 220 yards Sec. Lt. D. C. Pugh, RPTC, quarter mile, Capt. A. Johnston, Glider Pilot Regt. putting the weight Lt. R. D. N. Lister, Grenadier Guards, high jump, L/Cpl. D. V. Nicholson, RGS, high jump, Capt. A. B. Chadburn, RA, high hurdles.

In addition there are number of leading athletes now in the Army for a short term who have been nominated by outside bodies.

The AAA, for instance, put forward naturally, the high jump



"No, no, Cooper! When you go over you leave the pole this side!"

TODAY'S MATCH

Tsui Wai-pui, a former Colony Open Singles Champion, meets R. Segalen, holder of the HKCC Open Singles title, in the Stand Court semi-final match at Chater Road this evening.

Segalen is a steady player with a style not far off Tsui's and should put up a good game.

South China Lose Again

Manila, Apr. 28.—Turna Salvaje footballers, defending Manila soccer league champions, gave the visiting South China footballers their second straight defeat by the only goal of the match last night at Rizal Stadium.

In their first appearance on Monday night, the Chinese team were nipped out 3-2 by a Manila Terminal Selection.

Chan Tan Tok, inside right, made a difficult angle shot that nearly evened the score, but the defending Manila goalkeepers reached for the ball and tossed it over the crossbar. He made 11 other saves that bottled the Chinese attack.—Associated Press.

Army Football Final:

Gunners Win

Army League

The 25th Royal Artillery just outmanned the Inniskillings by the odd goal in nine at Sookun-poo yesterday to take the Army League Cup in the last minute of the game.

The first half was as keen as the second, the Gunners holding a slight edge but unable to do better than one-all at the half-time whistle.

The Irish took over in the first 20 minutes of the second half, but each hard-won point was equalised in breaks away. The Gunners were awarded two penalties and converted both times.

The game wasn't two minutes old when Bates scored with a close crossshot on taking a swift pass from Brown at outside-right. Three minutes later a penalty was awarded and the Irish equalised through Andrews.

The Inniskills pushed ahead in the fifth minute of the second half when Andrews sent in a swerving high shot from 20 yards.

The Gunners equalised in the 17th minute as Bates put Marsden through, the inside-left making no mistake.

Two minutes later, the Irish were up again, as Klerman netted after a melee in front of goal that followed a corner.

Within three minutes' more play, with excitement at fever pitch, Brown brought the Gunners level from a penalty kick and Hannon pushed the Inniskills ahead once more.

Brown, the Gunners' outside-right, brought the score level in the 27th minute from a penalty award for "hands".

Play continued fast and furious and the deciding goal came two minutes from the final whistle as Goldrick, the Gunners' left-wing, broke through on his own and shot home from 15 yards.

The teams: Inniskillings — Kelly, Kilcourse, Ryall, Kennedy, Robinson, Foley, Burns, Hannon, Andrews, Klerman, Meade.

25th RA. — Wyllie, Craighead, Nassau, Bailey, Vernon, Rice, Brown, Russell, Bates, Marsden, Goldrick.

Czech Walker For English Championships

Prague, Apr. 27.—Václav Balsan, claimant to the world 10 kilometre walking record with a time of 42:31 will compete in the English walking championships in London on June 6.

The Czech champion will be recommended by Jaroslav Zofka, who placed fourth in the 1936 Olympics in the event and is now training for the London Olympics.

Balsan recently won the 10 kilometre walking race at Kladno.—Associated Press.

Hard Turf Should Favour "My Babu"

London, Apr. 27.—Thirty-four crack thoroughbreds are expected to face the starting gate at Newmarket on Thursday to contest the first of the season's classic races, the 2,000 Guineas, over one mile, the winner of which will receive £14,142, the richest prize ever offered in British racing.

The Maharajah of Baroda is expected to register his second classic win with his three-year-old bay colt, My Babu, who is established a firm two-year-old favourite and will probably start at a shorter price than last season's so-called "Horse of the Century", Tudor Minstrel.

The Cobble, owned by Lieutenant Giles Loder, is the only horse in the field expected to extend the favourite. The Cobble is at present quoted at 7-2, with the remainder of the field 10-1 upwards.

The leading French owner, Marcel Boussac, is making a strong challenge with his entry, Djeddah, while the best outside is considered to be the chestnut colt, Birthday Freezing, owned by millionaire Dorothy Page.

The bone-hard turf is expected to favour My Babu, who has been undefeated in five races but has yet to prove his stamina in negotiating the fast galloping mile at the headquarters of the British turf.—United Press.

London, Apr. 27.—The final Victoria Club callover quotations on the Two Thousand Guineas, running at Newmarket tomorrow, were: 2 to 1 My Babu, 2 to 1 The Cobble, both taken and offered, 10 to 1 Birthday Freezing, offered, 100 to 1 Djeddah, offered, 30 to 1 Free of India, taken and offered, 20 to 1 Julian, offered, 22 to 1 taken.

Citation Trounces Rivals

Louisville, Apr. 27.—Citation, Calumet Farm's favoured entry for the Kentucky Derby next Saturday, today decisively trounced three rivals in the US\$10,000 Derby trial at Churchill Downs.

A crowd of about 15,000 people watched Citation gallop home first by more than a length in the one-mile run, with William L. Bran's Eschdra, second. Winning with plenty in reserve, the Calumet split times in 1:37-2/5. Howard Wells' Eagle Look finished third but was never a contender.—United Press.

France Proposes International Police Force For Jerusalem



"Murk Binding" on again to-night, Alf!"

SCAP And Private Trade

Withdrawal Urged

San Francisco, Apr. 27.—Directors of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce urged today the withdrawal of SCAP from private trade.

SCAP took over the functions of the US Commercial Company, a government agency, early this year when the Company discontinued its participation in Japanese foreign trade.

"SCAP commercial activities are an unnecessary interference with private trading operations, and retard Japanese-American trade resumption and expansion," said Mr. Dwight K. Grady, chairman of the Chamber's World Trade Committee which recommended the directors' action.

Mr. Grady said SCAP pricing practices do not conform to established trade practices. As a result, he said, prices for Japanese commodities are out of line with current price levels.

The SCAP policy of offering large blocks of Japanese products in New York before offering them to private traders, Grady said, resulted in "taking the cream off the market."

The practice, he said, eliminates the normal market that would exist for private importers.—Associated Press.

Finns To Ratify Treaty

London, Apr. 27.—The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament has recommended ratification of the Finnish-Soviet treaty of friendship and mutual aid. Helsinki Radio reported today.

The treaty will probably be ratified tomorrow, it was stated.

Finland's Assistant Foreign Minister, Mr. Riehnhold Svento, who was a member of the delegation which concluded the military assistance pact with Russia earlier this month, is to be Finnish Minister in Switzerland. He resigned today as Assistant Foreign Minister prior to taking up his new post.

M. Svento has resigned from the People's Democrats—an extreme Leftwing party—of which he had been a member since its formation in 1944.—Reuter.

Trieste Controls

Trieste, Apr. 27.—The Allied Military Government in the Free Territory of Trieste today announced severe restrictions on traffic crossing the boundaries of the Anglo-American Zone.

The controls were designed to prevent infiltration into the Zone and to ensure the carrying out of the Military Government's order that no one should be allowed into the Zone from outside to take part in May Day celebrations.—Reuter.

LANDS WITH DEAD ENGINE

London, Apr. 27.—A British Overseas Airways plane with 18 persons aboard landed with one engine dead today after circling the London airport three hours to use up excess petrol.—Associated Press.

Cripps In Brussels

Brussels, Apr. 27.—Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, arrived here by air this afternoon to represent Britain at the Conference of the Finance Ministers of the five Brussels Pact signatories, which is due to start here tomorrow.—Reuter.

Lake Success, Apr. 27.—An international police force of 1,000 volunteers should be sent to Jerusalem to guard the population and holy places there, France today recommended to the United Nations. M. Roger Garreau, urging the Trusteeship Council to take up the plan immediately and sit all night if necessary to find a man to head this force, said:

"There is not an hour to lose. The honour of the United Nations is involved here. We must do something tangible within the two weeks which remain to us."

Soviet Russia took her place at the Council table today for the first time, thus ending the boycott she had observed ever since the Trusteeship Council was established 13 months ago.

Mr. Francis Sayre (United States), the Chairman, welcomed M. Semyon Tsarapkin, Counsellor at the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the United Kingdom Colonial Secretary, was also present.

The French delegate urged the Council to act on the establishment of an international police force by tomorrow so that the recommendation could then be presented to a plenary session of the General Assembly.

"We should make a heartfelt appeal to the conscience of the Jews and the Arabs and try to demonstrate that whatever the subsequent course of events, Jerusalem must be considered a sacred asylum," he said.

The French proposal would also provide for studying the proper measures to ensure the food supply of Jerusalem, he said.

ARABS BLOCK ROUTE

"In view of the state of war between the Jewish and Arab populations of Palestine," he added, "there is at present no power capable of preventing the rupture of communications between Jerusalem and the coast. It is well known the route has been blocked by the Arabs."

"We therefore propose the setting up of a force of 1,000 men, volunteers chosen individually, without any distinction of nationality, except, of course, that Palestinian volunteers will not, at present, be accepted."

"This leaves aside the question of the necessary help that must be obtained on the spot in setting up auxiliary police forces in the Arab and Jewish quarters of Jerusalem and the measure in which these auxiliaries and urban police forces could be joined to the international force."

"This whole force could be under the command of a person who should be appointed immediately."

"I would ask the Trusteeship Council to examine the question as a matter of priority since the recruitment cannot begin until the appointment has been made. I hope, therefore, that the Trusteeship Council will agree to propose to the Assembly a particular name. I think it would be expedient to meet in closed session to examine the question of this appointment."

MUST ASSIST JERUSALEM

Mr. Garreau said this police chief might bear the title of Special Delegate of the United Nations, since he would also be called upon to assume the functions of chief of the municipal administration.

"The United Nations must come to the assistance of Jerusalem if it could not come to the assistance of Palestine as a whole," he said.

Awad Khalil, of Iraq, said the Arabs would continue to co-operate to maintain peace in Jerusalem "so long as no political elements attempted to twist the situation."

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones told the Council that Jerusalem could not be safeguarded "unless we get a truce for the whole of Palestine."

"We must face the fact that the situation in Jerusalem is swiftly deteriorating, and that action must be taken at once," he said. "The British administration will leave Jerusalem within a fortnight and, very shortly afterwards, the last of the British troops will be out of Jerusalem."

"The arrangements for withdrawal have gone so far that there is, at this moment, no possibility of reversing the operation, which is actually going on. In Jerusalem itself."

"There is, at the same time, the gravest danger of very heavy fighting in and around Jerusalem. Already considerable fighting has taken place but all the indications are that fighting will reach greater violence and intensity before many days have gone."

BASIC DIFFICULTIES

"Consequently whatever is done, this must be kept in mind—that to both the Arabs and Jews, Jerusalem is a town of immense strategic and military importance."

"The Security Council has asked that there should be a truce in the fighting in Palestine as a whole. But it should be remembered that a truce in Palestine for a truce produced little effect."

He continued: "There are certain basic difficulties. It is not too difficult who is in control on the respective sides. The Arab leadership to some extent has been dispersed, and of the basic requirements of a truce is the co-ordination of some authority over the Arabs—so that, in the negotiations at least, decisions reached or recommendations made can result in definite action."

"At the moment, these conditions hardly seem to exist."

Mr. Creech Jones added: "Our own military commander, besides the High Commissioner, tried to get the parties together in the hope that Jerusalem would be spared this ordeal. So far, little success has attended their efforts."

"I agree wholeheartedly with the delegate of France that it is of fundamental importance that a truce should be secured and the co-operation of the Jewish and Arab authorities obtained in any proposal which is recommended by the Council."

"The situation is difficult because of the strategic importance of Jerusalem."

He emphasised that Jerusalem was dependent for its normal life on the country surrounding it.

INEXPERIENCED FORCE

Its water supply, its food supplies, its lines of communications, were all of importance. "Unless we can get a truce in Palestine as a whole, it is very difficult to displace Jerusalem from the main problem of the struggle in Palestine as a whole."

Mr. Creech Jones said the police forces now in Jerusalem, comprising 300 Arabs and 300 Jews—were in the main "inexperienced, un-

trained and suffering from lack of discipline."

There were some hundreds of British policemen who were members of the Palestine police force and ready to volunteer their services, but they had been dispersed. "They are no longer in Palestine and I doubt very much if their services could be obtained," he said.

"It might take some months to have the nucleus of an effective force in Jerusalem. In the circumstances, we have to make the best of a bad job."

The French delegate, M. Roger Garreau, said the force must be well armed and should be recruited by its commander without discrimination as to nationality. He asked whether the Palestine Government would be willing to provide some of its surplus arms to this force to which Mr. Creech Jones later replied that there should be no difficulty about that.—Reuter.

No Political Directions Given To Palestine C-in-C

London, Apr. 27.—No political directions had been given by him to the Commander-in-Chief in Palestine about the reported invasion of Palestine by Transjordan troops, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the Minister of War, told the House of Commons today.

When Mr. William Gallacher, a Communist Member, asked if any such directions had been given regarding the entry of the puppet government of Transjordan, Mr. Shinwell replied: "It is not my function to give any political directions to the Commander-in-Chief."

"We leave the matter in the hands of the High Commissioner."

Mr. Shinwell stated that on the political aspect of his task, the General Officer Commanding, Palestine, relied on advice from the High Commissioner and no political directions were given by the War Office.

On the military aspect, the military commanders were fully entitled to take what action they thought fit under the circumstances "but obviously in a very difficult and critical situation in Palestine our people on the spot exercised due restraint."

INVASION UNCONFIRMED

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said in reply to questions that the British Government had no confirmation of press reports that King Abdullah of Transjordan had declared war on Zionism, that Transjordan forces had entered Palestine or that the Arabs wished to take over protection of holy places in Jerusalem.

Mr. Mayhew was pressed as to when the Government might have this information.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Conservative, asked whether, in view of the many reports—"some of them of a disturbing character"—he would endeavour to give a considered statement to the House of Commons tomorrow.

Mr. Mayhew said if the facts warranted it, that would be considered. He indicated that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, would probably make any statement that proved necessary.

"We have been in communication with the High Commissioner and with our Minister at Amman and we are expecting reports at any time," he added.

ARAB LEGION EQUIPMENT

Mr. Seymour Cocks asked whether Britain had stipulated that the equipment supplied to the Arab Legion should not be used against Zionists.

"In view of the fact that King Abdullah has invaded Palestine, would the Minister equalise matters by transferring the same amount of equipment to the Jews?"

Mr. Shinwell suggested that on questions based on press reports, Mr. Cocks should suspend judgment.

When Mr. Cocks urged that he should ask for the return of military equipment and material from Transjordan "in view of the declaration of King Abdullah that the Legion will take action against the Jews after May 15," Mr. Shinwell replied that that was primarily a matter for the Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Janner asked the Minister to see that the British-officered Legion was given neither ammunition nor permission to operate in Palestine.

Mr. Shinwell replied that the Government had no information that members of the Arab Legion were in fact attacking Jews.—Reuter.

Communist Editor Arrested

Bombay, Apr. 27.—M. B. Rae, Editor of the Communist weekly newspaper "People's Age" was arrested in Bombay today under the public security measures act, police reported.

Though police on Friday seized all copies of Communist newspapers under print for Saturday and sealed the presses, issues were being sold by volunteer vendors today.

Reports from Madras said today that police had arrested 11 "long-wanted Communists" after combing a twenty square mile hilly area in the Malabar district.

These reports added that the issue of firearms under licence has been suspended in a large part of Malabar in view of the "rampant Communist activities" in the area.—Associated Press.

Ends Hunger Strike

Rangoon, Apr. 27.—Thakin Soe, leader of the illegal "Red Flag" Communist Party, today ended a 24-day hunger strike.

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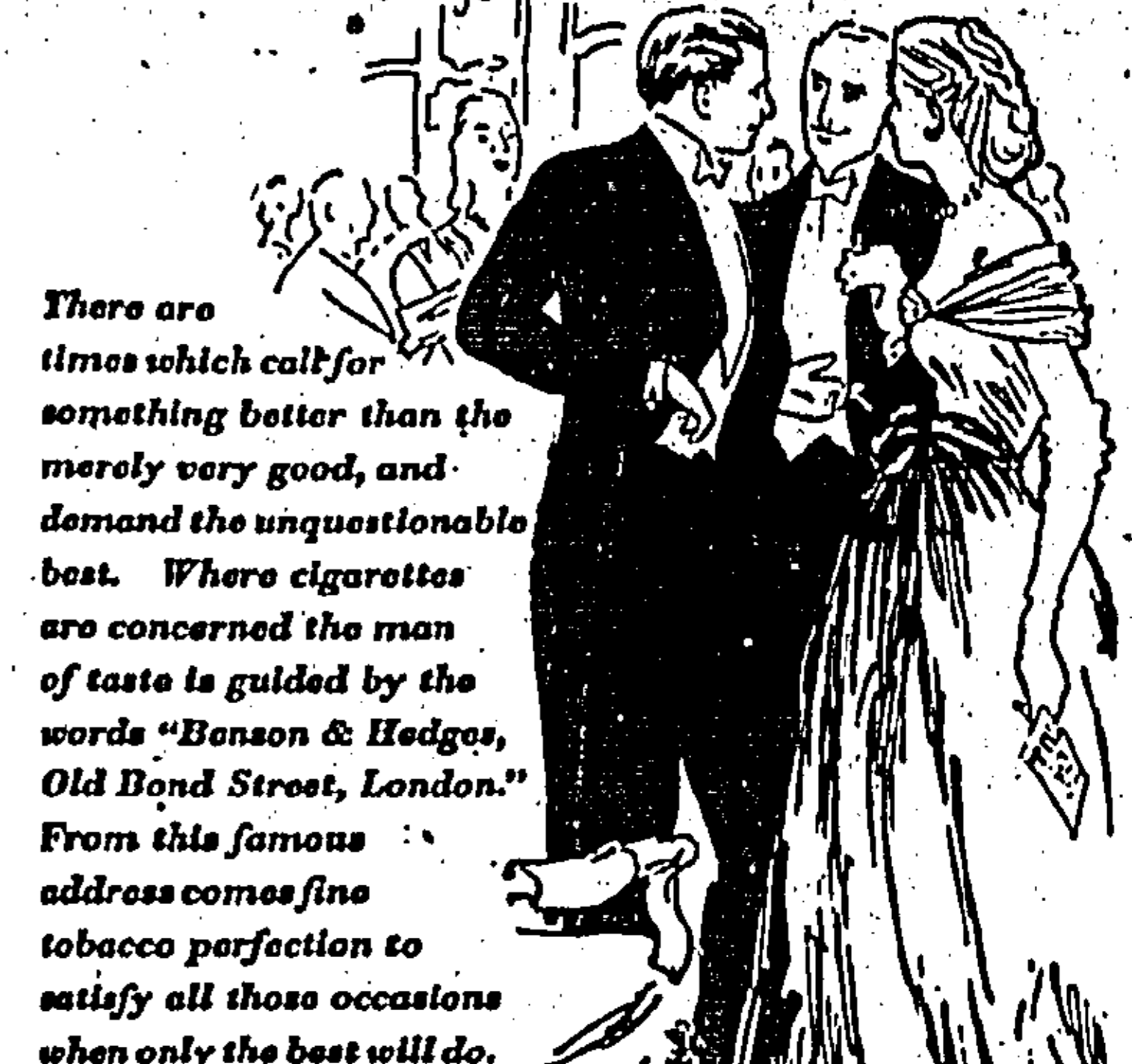
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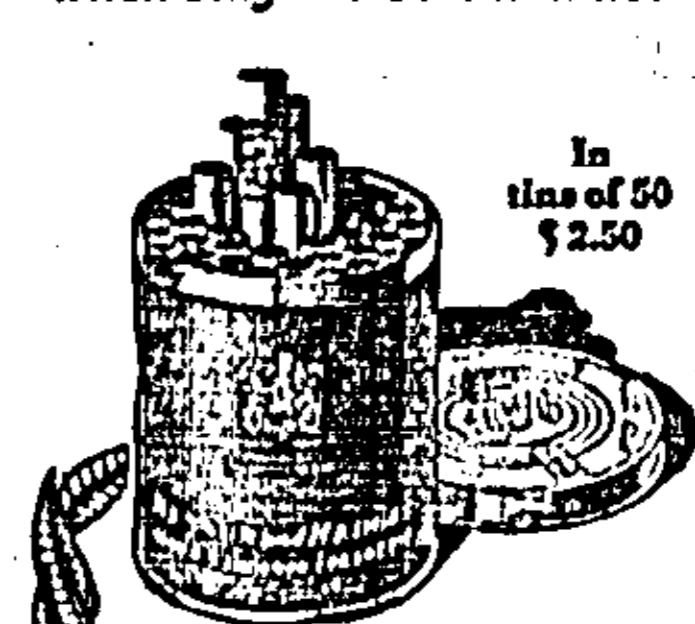
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